

# Nonparametric methods and tidy

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# General notes

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**Results** means the literal results of the test

- Value of the test statistic
- P-value
- Estimate, CI

**Conclusions** means our interpretation of those results

- If  $P > \alpha$ 
  - Fail to reject  $H_0$ , no evidence in favor of  $H_a$
- If  $P \leq \alpha$ ,
  - Reject  $H_0$ , found evidence in favor of  $H_a$ , make directional conclusion if possible

# Our bag of tests

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## Numeric data: $t$ -tests

- One sample/paired
- Two sample

## Categorical data

- One categorical variable with two levels: Binomial
- One categorical variable with >two levels: Chi-squared goodness of fit
- Two categorical variables: Contingency table
  - Chi-squared for large samples
  - Fisher's exact test for small samples

# Nonparametric tests

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Make no\* assumptions about how your samples are distributed

- Also known as *distribution-free* tests

Lower *false positive* rate than parametric methods when assumptions not met

Less powerful than parametric methods

Used primarily when sample sizes are small or non-normal (for a *t*-test)

# Our new bag of tests

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## One sample or paired $t$ -test

- Sign test
- Wilcoxon signed-rank test

## Two sample $t$ -test

- Mann Whitney  $U$ -test (Wilcoxon rank sum test)

# Many nonparametric tests are based on data ranks

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<b>X</b>	<b>Ranks</b>
10.8	4
13.5	6
9.1	3
11.5	5
15.7	7
4.3	1
8.4	2

# The sign test for single numeric samples

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$H_0$ : The median of a sample is equal to <null median>

$H_A$ : The median of a sample is not equal to <null median>

## Procedure:

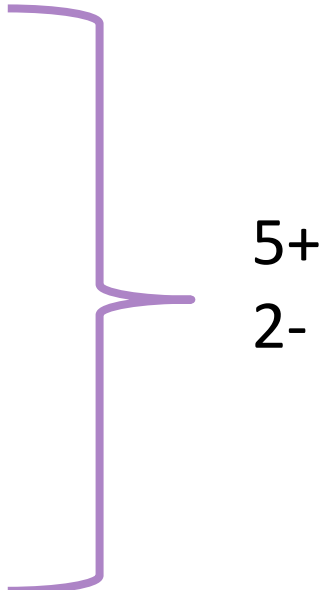
- Determine your null median
- Assign each value in your sample as + or - if above or below median
- Test whether there are same number of +, -

# Example: Sign test

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An environmental biologist measured the pH of rainwater on 7 different days in Washington state and wants to know if rainwater in the region can be considered acidic ( $< \text{pH } 5.2$ ).

pH	Sign
4.73	-
5.28	+
5.06	-
5.16	-
5.25	+
5.11	-
4.79	-



5+  
2-



# The sign test is a binomial test with $p=0.5$

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$H_0$ : The median pH of WA rain is 5.2.

$H_A$ : The median pH of WA rain is less than 5.2

```
> binom.test(2, 7, 0.5, alternative = "less")  
Exact binomial test
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data: 2 and 7
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number of successes = 2, number of trials = 7, p-value = 0.4531
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```
alternative hypothesis: true probability of success is not equal to 0.5
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```
95 percent confidence interval:
```

```
0.03669257 0.70957914
```

```
sample estimates:
```

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probability of success
```

```
0.2857143
```

# Results and conclusions

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Our test gave  $P=0.4531$ . This is greater than 0.05 so we **fail to reject** the null hypothesis. We have **no evidence that** rainwater in WA state is acidic.

# Sign test in R

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```
rain <- tibble(pH = c(4.73, 5.28, 5.06, 5.16, 5.25, 5.11, 4.79))
```

```
rain %>% mutate(sign = sign(5.2 - pH))
```

	pH	sign
	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	4.73	1
2	5.28	-1
3	5.06	1
4	5.16	1
5	5.25	-1
6	5.11	1
7	4.79	1

```
rain %>% mutate(sign = sign(5.2 - pH)) %>% group_by(sign) %>% tally()
```

	sign	n
	<dbl>	<int>
1	-1	2
2	1	5

# See one, do one

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# Wilcoxon signed-rank test

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Updated version of sign test that also considers magnitude

pH	Sign
4.73	-
5.28	+
5.06	-
5.16	-
5.25	+
5.11	-
4.79	-

# Adding ranks to the procedure

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$H_0$ : The median pH of WA rain is 5.2.

$H_A$ : The median pH of WA rain is not then 5.2

pH	Sign	$ x - \text{null} $	rank
4.73	-1	0.47	7
5.28	1	0.08	3
5.06	-1	0.14	5
5.16	-1	0.04	1
5.25	1	0.05	2
5.11	-1	0.09	4
4.79	-1	0.41	6

# Compute the test statistic **W (R)**

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$W = \min(\text{sum negative sign ranks}, \text{sum positive sign ranks})$

Negative sign ranks:

- $7+5+1+4+6 = 23$

Positive sign ranks:

- $3+2 = 5$

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### Two sided P-value ###  
### psignrank(w, n) ###  
> 2*psignrank(5,7)  
[1] 0.15625
```

Sign	rank
-1	7
1	3
-1	5
-1	1
1	2
-1	4
-1	6

# Wilcoxon signed-rank, the long way

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```
> rain %>% mutate(sign = sign(5.2 - pH), rank = rank(abs(5.2 - pH)))
```

	pH	sign	rank
	<dbl>	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	4.73	1	7
2	5.28	-1	3
3	5.06	1	5
4	5.16	1	1
5	5.25	-1	2
6	5.11	1	4
7	4.79	1	6

```
> rain %>% mutate(sign = sign(5.2 - pH), rank = rank(abs(5.2 - pH))) %>%  
group_by(sign) %>% summarize(sum(rank))
```

	sign	sum(rank)
	<dbl>	<dbl>
1	-1	5
2	1	23

```
> psignrank(5, nrow(rain))  
[1] 0.078125
```



# Wilcoxon signed-rank, the obvious way

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```
> rain <- tibble(pH = c(4.73, 5.28, 5.06, 5.16, 5.25, 5.11,  
4.79))
```

```
> wilcox.test(rain$pH, mu = 5.2)  
Wilcoxon signed rank test
```

```
data: rain$pH  
V = 5, p-value = 0.1563  
alternative hypothesis: true location is not equal to 5.2
```

# Wilcoxon signed-rank is not foolproof

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Although nonparametric, assumes population are symmetric around the median (no skew)

This is hard to meet, so recommendation is to use the sign test.

# See one, do one

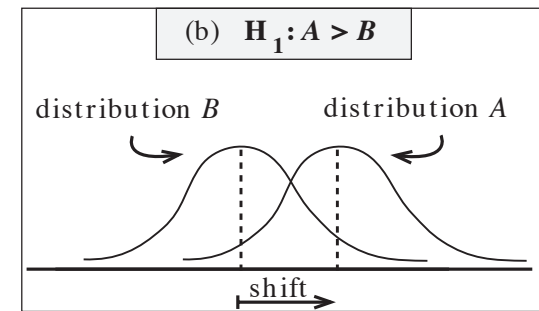
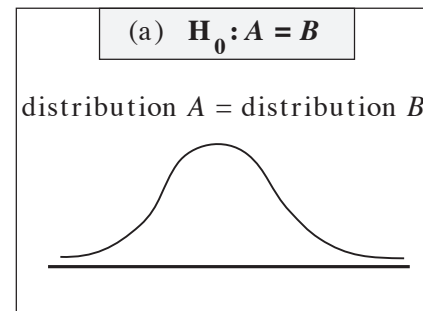
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# Mann-Whitney U test (aka Wilcoxon rank sum)

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Nonparametric test to compare two numeric samples

**Assumes samples have the same shape** and detects a *shift* between distributions.



$H_0$ : Sample 1 and sample 2 have the same underlying distribution location.

$H_A$ : Sample 1 and sample 2 have different ( $>/<$ ) underlying distribution location.

# The tedious steps to MW-U test

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1. Pool the data and rank everything
2. Sum ranks for group 1 and group 2 each  $\rightarrow R_1$  and  $R_2$
3. Compute  $U$  statistic as  $\min(U_1, U_2)$  from ranks:
  - $U_1 = R_1 - \frac{n_1(n_1+1)}{2}$
  - $U_1 + U_2 = n_1n_2$
4. Get the pvalue in R: `pwilcox(U, n1, n2)`

# Minimal example

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Sample 1: 8, 15, 17

Sample 2: 22, 10, 16, 28

$$U_1 = R_1 - [n_1(n_1+1)/2] \\ = 9 - [3(4)/2] = 3$$

$$U_2 = n_1n_2 - U_1 \\ = 3*4 - 3 = 9$$

### One tailed P ###

```
> pwilcox(3, 3, 4)
[1] 0.2
```

$$R1 = 1+3+5 = 9$$

$$R2 = 2+4+6+7 = 19$$

8	1
10	2
15	3
16	4
17	5
22	6
28	7

# Minimal example... in R

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```
> wilcox.test(c(8, 15, 17), c(22, 10, 16, 28))
```

Wilcoxon rank sum test

data: c(8, 15, 17) and c(22, 10, 16, 28)

$W = 3$ , p-value = 0.4

alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0

# Major caveat: ties in data

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Test assumes all data is **ordinal**

Sample 1: 8, 15, 17

Sample 2: 22, 10, 16, 17

Assign all values in tie the **average** rank

8	1
10	2
15	3
16	4
17	5.5
17	5.5
22	7



# Example in R, with ties

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```
> wilcox.test(c(8, 15, 17), c(22, 10, 16, 17))
```

Wilcoxon rank sum test with continuity correction

data: c(8, 15, 17) and c(22, 10, 16, 17)

W = 3.5, p-value = 0.4755

alternative hypothesis: true location shift is not equal to 0

**Warning message:**

**In wilcox.test.default(c(8, 15, 17), c(22, 10, 16, 17)) :  
cannot compute exact p-value with ties**

# See one, do one

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# What is a dataset?

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A collection of **values**

Each **value** belongs to a **variable** and an **observation**

**Variables** contain all values that measure the same underlying attribute ("thing")

**Observations** contain all values measured on the same unit across attributes.

# The iris dataset (what else?)

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		Variable				
Observation		Sepal.Length	Sepal.Width	Petal.Length	Petal.Width	Species
1		5.1	3.5	1.4	0.2	setosa
2		4.9	3.0	1.4	0.2	setosa
3		4.7	3.2	1.3	0.2	setosa
4		4.6	3.1	1.5	0.2	setosa
5		5.0	3.6	1.4	0.2	setosa
6		5.4	3.9	1.7	0.4	setosa

The value 5.0 in the Sepal.Length column for observation 5 is circled in red and labeled "Value".

# This is a tidy dataset

Each variable forms a column.

Each observation forms a row.

Each type of observational unit forms a table.

Tidy data provides a consistent approach to data management that greatly facilitates downstream analysis and viz

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	19987071
Afghanistan	2000	666	20595360
Brazil	1999	37737	172006362
Brazil	2000	80488	174504898
China	1999	212258	1272915272
China	2000	213766	128042583

variables

country	year	cases	population
Afghanistan	1999	745	19987071
Afghanistan	2000	666	20595360
Brazil	1999	37737	172006362
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China	1999	212258	1272915272
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observations

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Afghanistan	1999	745	19987071
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values

# Messy vs tidy data

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	treatmenta	treatmentb
John Smith	—	2
Jane Doe	16	11
Mary Johnson	3	1

What are the **variables** in this data?

What are the **observations** in this data?

name	trt	result
John Smith	a	—
Jane Doe	a	16
Mary Johnson	a	3
John Smith	b	2
Jane Doe	b	11
Mary Johnson	b	1

# Do it yourself: Convert to tidy data

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	<b>survived</b>	<b>died</b>	<b>treatment</b>	<b>outcome</b>	<b>count</b>
<b>drug</b>	15	3	drug	survived	15
<b>placebo</b>	4	11	placebo	survived	4
			drug	died	3
			placebo	died	11

# The fundamental verbs of tidyr

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**gather()**

Gather multiple columns into key:value pairs

**spread()**

Spread key:value pairs over multiple columns

**separate()**

Separate columns

**unite()**

Join columns

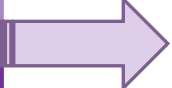


# gather() makes wide tables narrow

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data

tree	treat	t_152	t_174	t_201	t_227	t_258
1	ozone	4.51	4.98	5.41	5.90	6.15
2	ozone	4.24	4.20	4.68	4.92	4.96
3	ozone	3.98	4.36	4.79	4.99	5.03



tree	treat	time	measure
1	ozone	t_152	4.51
1	ozone	t_174	4.98
1	ozone	t_201	5.41
1	ozone	t_227	5.90
1	ozone	t_258	6.15
...	...	...	...

```
data %>% gather(time, measure, t_152:t_258)
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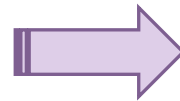
KEY VALUE

# spread() makes narrow tables wide

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```
tree treat  
1 ozone  
1 ozone  
1 ozone  
1 ozone  
1 ozone  
...
```

time	measure
t_152	4.51
t_174	4.98
t_201	5.41
t_227	5.90
t_258	6.15



data

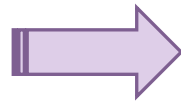
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2	ozone	4.24	4.20	4.68	4.92	4.96
3	ozone	3.98	4.36	4.79	4.99	5.03

```
data %>% spread(time, measure)
```

# separate() separates columns

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tree	treat	time	measure
1	ozone	t_152	4.51
1	ozone	t_174	4.98
1	ozone	t_201	5.41
1	ozone	t_227	5.90
1	ozone	t_258	6.15
...			



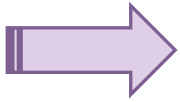
tree	treat	t	seconds	measure
1	ozone	t	152	4.51
1	ozone	t	174	4.98
1	ozone	t	201	5.41
1	ozone	t	227	5.90
1	ozone	t	258	6.15
...				

```
data %>% separate(time, into=c("t", "seconds"), sep = "_")
```

# unite() unites columns

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tree	treat	t	seconds	measure	tree	treat	time	measure
1	ozone	t	152	4.51	1	ozone	t_152	4.51
1	ozone	t	174	4.98	1	ozone	t_174	4.98
1	ozone	t	201	5.41	1	ozone	t_201	5.41
1	ozone	t	227	5.90	1	ozone	t_227	5.90
1	ozone	t	258	6.15	1	ozone	t_258	6.15
...					...			

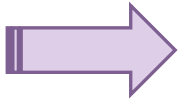


```
data %>% unite(time, t, seconds)
```

# unite() unites columns

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tree	treat	t	seconds	measure	tree	treat	time	measure
1	ozone	t	152	4.51	1	ozone	t152	4.51
1	ozone	t	174	4.98	1	ozone	t174	4.98
1	ozone	t	201	5.41	1	ozone	t201	5.41
1	ozone	t	227	5.90	1	ozone	t227	5.90
1	ozone	t	258	6.15	1	ozone	t258	6.15
...					...			



```
data %>% unite(time, t, seconds, sep = "" )
```